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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Crouse-Kline House Survey Number: HA-1606
Project: 400 Magnolia Road, Joppa, MD
MD 152 from US 1 to Edgewood Arsenal Agency: FSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

*Information on file indicate that the property does not meet
the criteria for individual listing.*

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Form HA-1606

Prepared by: Elizabeth Hannold

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Reviewer, NR program

Date

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SUMMARY

HA-1606

Crouse-Kline House
400 Magnolia Road
Joppa, Maryland 21085

This house, apparently built in the first quarter of the 20th century, is a relatively late rural interpretation of the Queen Anne Style. It's deliberate placement and prominent cross gables show an extreme awareness of the house at its cross roads setting.

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HA-1606

MAGI# 1316065704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Crouse-Kline House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

400 Magnolia Road

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21085

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS☒OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒NO**PRESENT USE**

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Kline

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

400 Magnolia Road

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21085**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 484

Folio #: 275

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

57-1600

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Kline House is located in Magnolia on the northwest corner of the intersection of Magnolia Road (Md. Rte. 152) and Trimble Road. This 2 story frame gable roof dwelling is L-shaped with one leg of the L facing northeast towards Magnolia, and the other facing southeast towards Trimble Road. A 2 1/2 story 5 sided turret is attached on the southeast corner and dramatically anchors the structure in its corner setting.

The house rests on a 17" poured concrete foundation over a full basement. The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles, and the exterior of the house is clad with asbestos shingles. In one area of the first story wall, German siding was observed where the asbestos has fallen off. All windows are 1/1 double hung wood sash. Exterior trim is quite plain: Flat 4" boards around windows and doors, a simple unadorned box cornice at the eaves, and plain 4" rake boards.

On the northeast and southeast elevations, there is a 4 bay wrap around 1 story porch with a shed roof. This roof is supported by turned wooden posts. The ends of the porch rafters are exposed, and are finished at the end with a (cyma reversa) cut. The porch ceiling is of narrow tongue and groove planking, and the floor is of poured concrete 24" above grade.

The northeast facade is 3 bays wide and includes the corner turret, and a vestibuled central doorway flanked on either side by a window. Three second floor windows are aligned with the first floor openings. The turret, is capped by an octagonal roof, which is surmounted by a decorative stamped metal ball. In the north bay, at eaves level between the center round end windows is a small cross gable containing a small round arch window that lights the attic.

The northwest side is 3 bays, containing the gable end of the main block, and an attached wing and shed fitted between the legs of the L. The end of the main block contains 4 centrally located windows, one each at basement, 1st, 2nd and attic levels. The attached wing is 2 stories with a shed roof tied into the main block. The wing has one window on each floor. Behind this is a one story attached shed, blind on the north, but containing a doorway on the southwest side. The latter shed appears to have been an open roofed porch enclosed at a later time. Rafters with the same end finish as the front porch were observed.

The southwest or rear facade shows 2 windows in the main block, the aforementioned doorway in the 1 story shed, and a gable end with fenestration identical to the northeast facade. There is an attached gable roof shelter for a pump at the south end of the house.

The southeast elevation is accessible from Trimble Road via a semi-circular driveway. This side is 3 bays long, culminating at the turret in the south east corner, has a cross gable in the center bay, identical to the one on the northeast facade. A brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located in the center bay.

(See Description Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1918?

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The current owners report that this house was constructed in 1918. It does not appear on the 1878 Martenet map, and archival research reveals a series of transactions in 1919, when a 2 acre parcel was sold between members of the Crouse, Meier and Leight families. It is possible that either the Leights or the Crouse's had the house constructed for themselves.

Based on observations of the architectural evidence, 1918 seems a bit late, because the style of the house, a vernacular Queen Anne interpretation belongs more to the 1890's or very early 20th century. However, in a rural area, it is not suprising that the elements of an older style would continue to be used in later buildings. It was a tried and accepted idiom for residential construction.

Perhaps the most distinguishing aspect of the house is its orientation to the cross roads. On the south and east elevations are prominent cross gables, facing both Trimble and Magnolia Roads, and on the southeast corner has a polygonal turret which mirrors on the house the intersection of two roads less than 75' away. The house is a visual anchor at the northwest corner of this crossing and in this function, it reminds the passerby of the importance of this rural intersection.

It is not difficult in driving around Harford County to see architectural details and massing purposely oriented to catch the eye of the traveller approaching a cross road. This house is an excellent example of how a house can achieve that particular aim without being burdened with an excess of applied decorative details. It achieves its purpose through location and shape, and functions as a strong visual anchor even now in the 20th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phillip R. Lord, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

301-838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Description Continuation Sheet #1

HA-1606

CROUSE-KLINE HOUSE

The interior of the house was not accessible, although the owners supplied the following information. Only the kitchen has plastered walls; the rest of the interior partitions are done with a heavy cardboard type material. There are no fireplaces, the chimney is for a stove flue only. Apparently, the house was used for a rental property before the Kline's purchaed it in 1957, and numerous interior partitions had been added.

There were no outbuildings standing at the time of this visit. The Klines do raise rabbits here though, for their own consumption. They also maintain a large garden, and grow turnips, tomatoes, corn and string beans. Mrs. Kline cans these vegetables, and Mr. Kline, who is retired, tends to the rabbits and garden. Mr. Kline reported that he recently grew a 30 pound watermelon in his garden.

According to Mrs. Kline, the house was built circa 1919, and sold to Mr. Crouse. The Klines purchased the house in 1957, from descendants of Mr. Crouse.

CROUSE-KLINE HOUSE

Title Search
HA-1606

1. GRG 484/275 June 28, 1957 Grantor: Virginia Crouse, Widow (husband Claude d. Dec. 20, 1956)
Grantee: James Edward and wife Catherine Rose Kline 2 acres, as surveyed by Somerville in 1942.
2. GCB 273/328 July 29, 1942 Grantor: Claude T. and Lottie G. Crouse
Grantee: Claude T. Crouse Jr. and wife, Virginia
Acreage: 2 A.

BEING PART OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS:

3. DGW 201/445 Janury 26, 1927 Grantor: D. Paul Mc Nabb, Bachelor
Grantee: Claude T. and Lottie Crouse all that land, at what is known as Melhorn's Corner, containing 2 acres.
- From: DGW 201/442 January 26, 1927 Grantors: Amelia Banks, widow, Mary and Clarence Eaton, Sophia and George Jefferson, John and Emma Meier, Frederick and Irene Meier, and Lottie G. and Claude T. Crouse
Grantee: Paul McNabb - The grantors sold their interests in the estate of Christine and Henry Meier to Paul McNabb
Acreage: 2 A.
4. JAR 166/244 December 11, 1919 Grantor: Robert E. Lee Leight, and and Jennie E.
Grantee: Henry and Christine Meier
Acreage: 2 A.
5. JAR 166/247 December 11, 1919 Grantor: Robert Leight and wf. Jennie
Grantee: Claude T. and Lottie Crouse
Acreage: 7.69 A.
6. JAR 164/146 May 26, 1919 Grantor: Joseph and Dora May Leight
Grantee: Robert E. Lee Leight and wife Jennie
part of land described in deed WSF 89/436
7. WSF 89/436 December 11, 1896 Grantor: Noble L. Mitchell and Otho S. Lee, trustee
Grantee: Joseph J. Leight
Sum: \$1,000.00

Mitchell and Lee are appointed trustees by Court in Equity case on August 17, 1893. Otho S. Lee was a complainant in a case against Ruth Sweeting and others. A public sale was held on September 20, 1893 - approx. 20 acres.



HA 1606

ARMY CHEMICAL CENTER

FALLS

DAYS ISLAND

DAYS COVE

GUNPOWDER RIVER

HARFORD BALTIMORE

RIVER

Iron Point

West Twin River

Westwood Park

Harewood

Westwood Range

Piney Point

Hog Point

RIVER

82 980 000 FEET

383 CHASE 1 MI. MIDDLE RIVER 57 MI.

384

385 20' EDGEWOOD QUAD.

386

(GUNPOWDER) 5762 IV SCALE 1:50,000

U.S. Army Map Service from USC&GS surveys



HA- 1606

Crouse-Kline House

Magnolia, Md.

Phillip R. Lord

4/81

East



HA-1606

Crouse-Kline House

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South